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REMARKS

No new matter is added by this amendment. By this amendment claims 28, 35, 36 and 36 have been amended and claim 31 has been cancelled. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-27 and 37-46 were allowed and claims 31 and 35-36 contained allowable subject matter. This is noted with appreciation.

Claims 28-30 and 32-34 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,169,644 issued to Hiroshi Ito et al on January 2, 2001.

Independent claim 28 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 31. Thus, applicants respectfully assert that amended independent claim 28 is now allowable. Claim 29-30 and 32-34 are all dependent on allowable claim 28. Thus, applicants respectfully assert that dependent claims 29-30 and 32-34 are now also allowable.

Dependent claims 35 and 36 have been amended to be in independent form including all of the limitations of original independent claim 28. Thus, applicants respectfully assert that claims 35 and 36 are allowable.

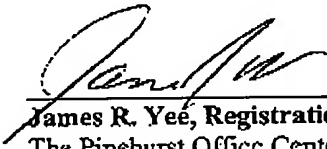
All of the Examiner's objections having been successfully made moot, applicants respectfully assert that the present application is now in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Applicant believes that no fees are due, however, if any become required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2789 in the name of Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C.

Respectfully submitted

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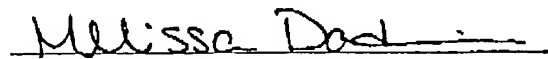
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